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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Luder Gerking

Serial No.: 10/030,020

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Title: Method and Device for the Production

of an Essentially Continuous Fine

Thread

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Eashoo, Mark

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 21, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2004, Applicants respectfully request s reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of the remarks below.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due April 21, 2004, this Response is therefore considered to be timely filed.

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